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REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following discussion, the Applicant submits that none of the claims now pending in the application is anticipated or obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103. Thus, the Applicant believes that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

I. IN THE SPECIFICATION

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure. Namely, the status of the co-pending application recited in the specification on page 1 was omitted. In response, the Applicant has amended the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification to provide the status of the co-pending application. As such, the Applicant respectfully requests the objection be withdrawn.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-41, 43, 50 AND 64-97 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-41, 43, 50 and 64-97 in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Namely, various limitations in the above claims have no antecedent basis. In response, the Applicant has amended the claims and respectfully submits that the claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112. As such, the Applicant respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 23 AND 24 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claim 23 and 24 in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Chuah et al. (EP 0994604, Published April 19, 2000, herein referred to as "Chuah.")

Responsive to the Examiner, Applicant has canceled claims 23 and 24 without prejudice. The rejection is now moot. However, Applicant reserves the rights to file one or more continuation applications to continue prosecution of this canceled claims.

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IV. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 42 AND 43 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 42 and 43 in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Chuah in view of Reardon et al. (US 5,636,223, issued June 3, 1997, herein referred to as "Reardon.")

Responsive to the Examiner, Applicant has canceled claims 42 and 43 without prejudice. The rejection is now moot. However, Applicant reserves the rights to file one or more continuation applications to continue prosecution of this canceled claims.

V. ALLOWED SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has stated claims 1-22, 50 and 64-97 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112. In response, the Applicant has amended these claims to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, as suggested by the Examiner, as discussed above. As such, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of these claims.

The Examiner has objected to claims 44 and 46-49 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicant has amended these claims into allowable form as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests the objection be withdrawn and requests allowance of these claims.

The Examiner has stated that claims 25-41 and 45 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, the Applicant has amended these claims as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, as discussed above, and into allowable form as suggested by the Examiner. As such, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of these claims.

The Examiner has indicated claims 51-63 are allowed. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of these claims.

Conclusion

Thus, the Applicant submits that all of these claims now fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 and § 103. Consequently, the Applicant believes that

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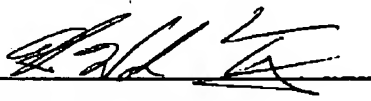
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all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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